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To: Jim Hall
From: Rick Underwood
Re: Training/Mold Remediation
Date: 10/5/23

Jim,

As you are well aware, over the past few years, LPS and the City of Lowell have experienced concerning incidents of mold growth in a few of our schools, most recently the Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School, which had a bloom of mold pop up just days before the start of school, resulting in LPS having to cancel the first day of school at that one location while the remediation of the mold could be accomplished. There was a similar occurrence of mold 2 years ago at the same location. The cost to bring in an outside company for these 2 incidents was approximately \$290,000.00.

I feel that our staff can be trained and equipped to do this work in the future to provide us with more options. I witnessed the cleaning and removing of the mold by these contractors and feel that our staff could also do this work if trained, and if we provide the right equipment. I request that the School Department invest in training and equipment to enable LPS and the City of Lowell to be better prepared to handle this type of problem should it arise in the future.

Per our discussions, I requested what would be required to have a trained team available. Training would consist of a 24-hour comprehensive Certified Mold Remediator (CMR) course on how to remediate contamination for both small and large projects and to contain and clean mold in impacted areas. The cost would be \$250.00 Per Trainee x 20 personnel trained.

We would also need the following equipment for the trained team:

- 6 Bucketless commercial dehumidifier @ \$1,692 each
- 6 Large commercial Negative Air Pressure Air Scrubbers @ \$599 each
- 6 2000 CFM Air Purifiers @ \$2,169 per

Any question or concerns I'm happy to meet and discuss further or feel free to call me

Thanks
Ricky

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